

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

In the specification has been amended on pages 1-4.

Claim 13 has been canceled.

New claims 14 and 15 have been added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-12, 14, and 15 are now pending in this application. Claims 5-8 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Objections to the Specification

The specification is objected to for containing informalities. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the specification render these objections moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these objections is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 3, 4, and 10 are objected to for containing informalities. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims render these objections moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these objections is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-4 and 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims render these rejections moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4 and 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,869,153 to De Vincent *et al.* (hereafter “De Vincent”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). See generally MPEP § 2131.

De Vincent discloses an assembly for mounting tubes 16 to a housing 10 of a compressor or similar accessory. See De Vincent at col. 2, lines 31-49. The tubes 16 are provided with yokes 22 that are secured to the tubes 16. See De Vincent at col. 2, lines 59-68; col. 3, lines 1-11, 48-65. The yokes 22 are in turn secured to a mounting plate 24. See De Vincent at col. 2, lines 63-68; col. 3, lines 1-11, 25-41; and col. 4, lines 8-25.

However, the housing 10 of De Vincent does not include projections arranged and shaped in accordance with a second set of slots of a positioning element such that the positioning element can be positioned on the housing in a rotationally secure manner, as recited in claim 1. Claims 2-4 and 9-12 depend from claim 1. De Vincent is silent in regard to the housing 10 having such projections and the drawings of De Vincent depict the housing 10 as having a flat surface with holes 14 for the tubes 16. Therefore, De Vincent does not disclose all of the features of claim 1.

For at least the reasons discussed above, De Vincent does not anticipate claims 1-4 and 9-12 because De Vincent does not disclose all of the features of claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

New Claims

New claims 14 and 15 have been added. Claims 14 and 15 depend from claim 1 and are allowable over the prior art for at least the reasons discussed above and for their respective additional features.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

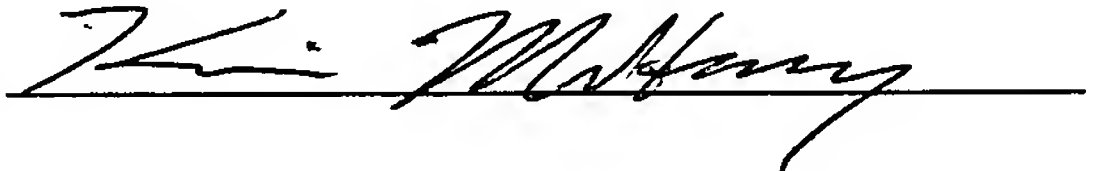
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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